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<u>For:</u>	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRADING FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS ACROSS DIFFERENT TYPES OF TRADING PLATFORMS		

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action communication dated October 8, 2008 received in connection with the above-identified pending patent application, Applicants respectfully submit herewith for consideration the following listed amendment parts, which are detailed in this paper pursuant to the requirements prescribed under 37 C.F.R. §1.121:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS, beginning on page 8 of this paper.